



185 Main Street, East Berlin

1883

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Victorian

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 089

1883 Albert A. Barnes

current owner: Pauline & Leonard Lavigne

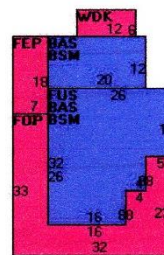
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1885 current owner: Pauline Lavigne

Sketch



Genealogy

(Railroad) Station agent, appointed Oct. 1, 1872. Sold first freight tickets in East Berlin (Conn.) Held position and then worked for Peck, Stow & Wilcox, 185 Main St., East Berlin ca. 1883. Died at age 60. 1880 census ; 1900 census. Berlin land records 38.337, 1883. Meyers, Doris. Other times, other voices. Berlin Free Library, publisher, p. 90, 92. Beers, p. 1243.

Albert Barnes (1845-1903) son of Levi & Julia Barnes. He was a railroad clerk and later worked for Peck, Stow & Wilcox. . In 1869 he married Emilie Bunce (1845-1941). They had 3 children: Albert, Winifred, and Mabel. They were buried in Wilcox Cemetery.

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	
1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic) Albert A. Barnes House	
2. TOWN CITY Berlin	VILLAGE East Berlin
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 185 Main Street 17-4/151A/37	
4. OWNER(S) Ronald G. & Lanigne, Pauline M. East Berlin 06023 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) (Historic) Residence Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING Victorian Vernacular/Stick-Style influence DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1883	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
10. ROOF (Type) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ (Material) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 32' x 51'	
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY (Location) (Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES <input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) on knoll <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS In an area of East Berlin with many 18th- and 19th-century houses.	

DESCRIPTION

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	<p>The Albert A. Barnes House has a two-bay front projection and left and right ells. A one-story shallow-roofed porch wraps around the left and right corners to meet the ells. The porch has square chamfered posts, post brackets with incised geometric designs, a molded rail and chamfered balusters. Windows are generally fitted with 2-over-2 sash. There are very small triangular attic lights. Front and side gables show elaborate chamfered bracing infilled with verticle-board panels and edged by a verge board with raised circular bosses. The entry is sheltered by a vestibule at the intersection of the right ell. Above the entry vestibule is a gabled wall dormer with ornamentation similar to that on the main gables.</p>											
SIGNIFICANCE	18. ARCHITECT	BUILDER										
	<p>19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE</p> <p>This house is notable as a well-preserved Victorian dwelling that displays the influence of the Stick Style. The heavy porch posts and brackets and especially the large cross-section attic bracing, follow the Stick Style's preoccupation with structure as ornament. In the gables, the complex bargeboard and the peak bracing impart a Gothic tone to the house, reflecting the Gothic influence in the Stick Style.</p> <p>Albert A. Barnes, a factory superintendent, bought this house lot in 1883, and probably built the house shortly thereafter. It is historically significant as a good example of the type of housing built by East Berlin's managerial class during the years of rapid expansion at Berlin Iron Bridge (for whom Barnes probably worked). In 1893, Barnes transferred the ownership of the house to his wife Emilie; it remained in the Barnes family for several decades.</p>											
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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

